

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Anne Brumley, Robert G. Cole, Kenneth A. Johnson, Crawford Moore, Interim Administrator Denise Douglass and Clerk to Council Michelle Sellers. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and asked Special Projects Coordinator J. Ronald Thurman to open the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that item 12(b) Proclamation designating the month of September as Literary Month would need to be added to the agenda. Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt September 9, 2009 Regular Meeting Agenda with approved changes. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the August 5, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Mayor John Douglas & Mr. Charlie Gray

Mayor Douglas and Mr. Charlie Gray appeared before Council in reference to Hwy 145/US 220. Council took the information under advisement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Building Codes Amendment – Public Hearing

Council Member Plyler made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Building Codes Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 3rd reading. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. Equipment Lease Purchase Ordinance – 2nd Reading (Alligator FD)

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

c. Solid Waste Plan Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading (Title Only)

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 1st reading by title only. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

d. Vehicle Lease-Purchase Ordinance – 1st Reading

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 1st reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Building Committee Update – Committee Chair Frank Plyler

1. DSS Roof Project

Committee Chair informed Council that the roof project at DSS is complete and that council members should go by and look at it.

2. Energy Grant Update – Committee Chair Frank Plyler

Committee Chair updated Council on the status of the Energy Grant that the County is pursuing.

b. Finance Committee Update – Committee Chair Crawford Moore

1. Shortfall Wording for Tax Notices

Council Member Moore brought Council the recommendation on the wording that will go on the tax notices for the 1.9 mill increase due to the deficiency of the preceding year. It is the recommendation of the finance committee that the wording on the tax notices read “A state surcharge 1.9 mills”.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to go with the recommendation of the finance committee for the wording for the tax notices. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

c. Road Committee Update – Committee Chair Lenora Powe

1. Town of Chesterfield Letter of Support – Would not need to be discussed since it was previously discussed.

2. Hawthorne Lane Paving Project

Vice-Chair Powe updated Council on the status of the Hawthorne Lane Paving Project. The project should be complete in a few weeks and we should receive a detailed

report in regards to costs sometime next month. Vice-Chair Powe also updated Council on the 2010 Census. She recommended that any Council Member wanting a banner for their district to contact Clerk to Council and give her the names of the communities for the banners.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Swanson Service Update – Interim Administrator Douglass

Interim Administrator Douglass gave Council an update on the Swanson Services Contract that the County entered into several months ago.

b. Proclamation Literary Month – September

Council Member Johnson made a motion to proclaim the month of September as Literary month. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Magistrate Letter

Council Chairman received a letter from Senator Sheheen in reference to Pageland Magistrate becoming full time and his clerk full time and to allow him to travel to McBee to provide services to the citizens of McBee. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion for Pageland Magistrate to become full time, for his clerk to become full time, and to allow the Magistrate to travel to McBee. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crawford Moore

None

Bruce E. Rivers

None

Anne Brumley

None

Lenora V. Powe

None

Gerald L. Miller

None

Kenneth A. Johnson

None

George Franklin Plyler

None

Robert G. Cole

None

J. Matthew Rivers

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers recommended Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Law, Section 30-4-70 of the S.C. Code of Laws, to discuss issues pertaining to a contractual matter.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers reported Council is back in regular session. No action was taken and no motions were made in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

MICHELLE SELLERS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE:_____